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Mr. Robert T. Maruca, Director
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Dear Mr. Maruca:

I am responding to your recent correspondence by approving a 90-day temporary extension of your Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (HCBSW) No. 0169.90.R1. This waiver provides services to elderly and disabled individuals who would otherwise require institutionalization in a nursing facility. The HCBSW No. 0169.90.R1 expires on March 27, 2002. This temporary extension is to ensure continued operation of the waiver pending submission of the waiver renewal request to our office. You have indicated that this waiver might be combined with an 1115 demonstration waiver.

Because a decision regarding the renewal of the waiver could not be made before the current waiver expires on March 27, 2002, I am granting the State of New Mexico a fourth 90-day temporary extension of HCBSW No. 0169.90.R1. This program is approved under section 1915 (c) of the Social Security Act. The extension allows you to continue waiver services from March 28, 2002 through June 25, 2002 with Federal financial participation at the per capita cost and utilization levels approved for the fifth year of the current waiver program.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Rupley of my staff at 214-767-6278.

Sincerely,

James Randolph Farris, M.D.
Regional Administrator

cc: Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations